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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANTS: Oestreicher et al.

SERIAL NO.: 09/810,943

FILED: 3/16/2001

FOR: A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DETERMINING WEIGHT  
AND POSITION OF A VEHICLE SEAT OCCUPANT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)**  
**Filing Date Granted**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply mailed on March 5, 2002, Applicant hereby makes the following remarks.

The following items were indicated as missing or deficient: substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 to correct margins. A copy of substitute drawings is submitted herewith. These drawings are the same as the drawings in the parent application.

The Notice of Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application – Filing Date Granted was mailed to Applicant on April 20, 2001 in response to Applicant's filing of a continuation application on March 16, 2001 claiming the benefit of 09/548,485 filed on April 13, 2000, which is a continuation of 08/191,719 filed on November 12, 1998 now U.S. Patent No. 6,070,115, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/065,115 filed on November 12, 1997.

Applicant mailed a response to Notice of Missing Parts on October 19, 2002 but this response was not received by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) until January 17, 2002. Thus, Applicant did make a bona fide attempt to respond to the Notice of Missing Parts within the required period of time. However, due to the delays for ingoing mail deliveries to the USPTO and outgoing mailings from the USPTO caused by difficulties experienced by the United States Postal Service in mid-October, Applicant is beyond the period of time to request extensions. Thus, Applicant requests that either the period of time be extended or reset such that the above constitutes a complete response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply to avoid abandonment of the application.

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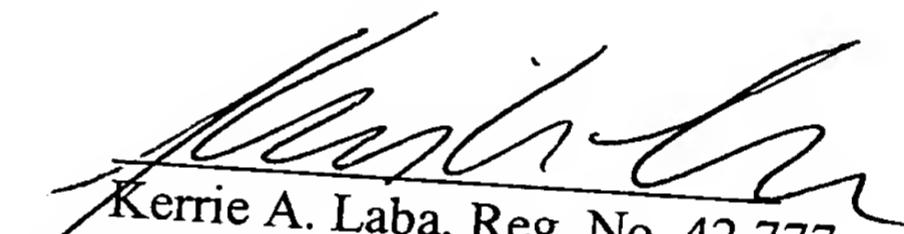
If, however, the above response is not accepted at this point, and it is determined that abandonment of the application is proper, Applicant hereby requests the following:

- 1) Please consider this as a petition to accept late submission of the substitute drawings. The petition fee for reviving the unintentionally abandoned application in the amount of \$1,280.00 may be charged to deposit account no. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds.
- 2) Any surcharge associated with the late submission of the drawings or any other fees associated with revival of an unintentionally abandoned application may also be charged to deposit account no. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds.
- 3) Any delay from the point of receiving the Notice of Incomplete Reply mailed

March 5, 2002 and today's date was also unintentional.

It is believed the above constitutes a complete response to a potential determination of abandonment.

Respectfully Submitted,

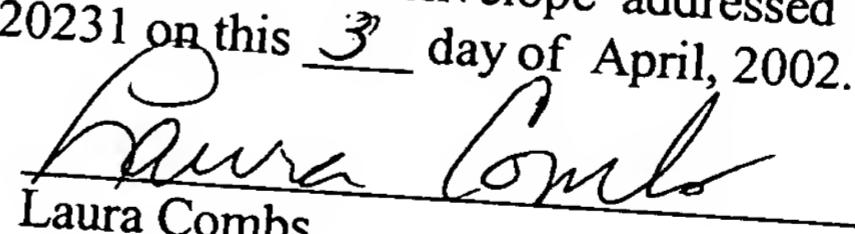


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Dated: April 3, 2002

CERTIFICATE OF MAIL

I hereby certify that the enclosed Response is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Washington D.C. 20231 on this 3 day of April, 2002.



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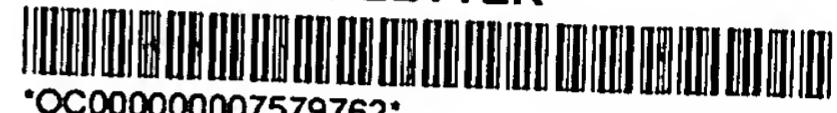
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- The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 01/17/2002 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 04/20/2001 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.
- The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).
- A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.
- The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.
- The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:

- drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE

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**LETTER TO CHIEF DRAFTSMAN**

Dear Sir:

Formal drawings are attached. Approval of the drawings is requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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